

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- August 6, 2011  
Post Picnic  
10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Valley View Park  
New Berlin  
...
- August 13, 2011  
Post Corn Roast  
Noon - 6:00 pm  
Post Parking Lot  
...
- August 14, 2011  
Miller Park Poppy  
Distribution  
11:30 am - 1:30 pm  
meet at Post @ 10:30 am  
or go straight to  
Miller Park  
...
- August 15, 2011  
Post Executive Bd Mtg  
7:00 pm - Post Hall  
...
- September 5, 2011  
Labor Day  
...
- September 6, 2011  
SAL Meeting  
6:30 pm - Wimmer Room  
...
- September 6, 2011  
Membership Meeting  
7:30 pm - Post Hall  
...
- December 10, 2011  
Childrens Xmas Party  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Joint Post Xmas Dinner  
5:00 pm



**POST PICNIC**  
**August 6, 2011**  
**10:00 am - 6:00 pm**  
Picnic Area 2  
Valley View Park  
5051 S. Sunny Slope Rd  
approx 1/4 mile south  
of Beloit Rd, on the right  
New Berlin, WI

Bring the family, and come join us for a fun day. Beer, soda, and ice cream will be available all day. Cooked food, hot dogs, brats, pork & beans, and corn will be served starting at noon.

Bring your children and grandchildren, and a couple of balls to kick around. We will have a few board games available for the kids who may want to sit and play a game. There is no charge for the picnic. We will have raffles for a variety of items.

We will need help with set up and clean up. Please contact 2nd Vice Brian Duerr at 414-477-0501, if you are able to help. Also, you can show up at the picnic, and we will accept your help and put you to work. Remember, one step forward?

1st Vice Linda Pfeiffer will be there to collect 2012 dues for those people who have not yet paid their dues. The Auxiliary will also have someone there to collect dues for 2012. SAL dues can be paid at the picnic as well.

This is a fun social event, so come and visit with members of the Legion family. There is a shelter in the event of rain, and we plan on spraying for those pesky, flying mosquitoes prior to the start of the picnic.

## COMMANDERS CORNER

Here we are in mid summer and it's time again for the Annual Todd Post picnic. We hope that you will be able to attend. It's a great place to meet "old friends" and make "new" friends. If you have not already done so, you may renew your membership for the year 2012, at the picnic, or you can attend the Post Corn Roast on August 13th, and renew your dues at that time.

We hope to see everyone at one or both of these events. If you cannot make our summer events, please plan on attending the membership meeting on September 6th, in the Post Hall, at 7:30 pm.

Commander Wally Pfeiffer  
262-784-2807  
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## 2ND VICE COMMANDER REPORT

As was stated by the Commander, I will need help at the Annual Picnic on August 6th. Please contact me by phone or email if you can assist me. Thank you.

2nd Vice Commander Brian Duerr  
414-541-7703

## ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION

We will continue to collect aluminum cans for our Children and Youth Fund. If you have cans that need to be picked up, please give me a call, and I will make arrangements to pick them up, or you can meet me at the Post, and I can get them from you there. Please do not leave them at the Post without contacting me first. Thank you.

Commander Wally Pfeiffer  
262-784-2807

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 148 paid memberships, and 18 Paid up for life (PUFLS) for a total of 166 paid membership for 2012, as of this mailing. We also have pending for vote in September, 3 transfers and one new member application. We welcome all our new members. Thank you to all the EARLY BIRDS, who have kept busy sending out membership cards. We met the challenge at the Department Convention with over 35%.

I will be at the picnic to collect "more" dues. I would really love to stop pestering everyone, so the faster you mail your dues, or drop them off at the Post, or pay at the picnic, the sooner I can refrain from "being a pesky bug".

Bring an eligible friend, or family member to the picnic and sign them up as a new member. Once they meet with all the friendly faces, and eat the good food, cooked by our "in house" chefs, they will not be able to resist being part of our Post.

Dues for 2012 are \$35.00. If you are retired and have been a member of Post 537 for 10 or more years, your dues are \$28.00.

1st Vice Commander Linda Pfeiffer  
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## FUND RAISING

Our next big event is the Smoker (Card Party) in March of 2012, however it is not too early to start planning for the event. We are always looking for small and large raffle items for the smoker, so if you received a gift that needs re-gifting, or won an item in a raffle you do not want or need, remember to bring it to a membership meeting. If it is a large item, we need to know ahead of time, so we have a place to store it. Thank you.

Chairperson Gretchen Davies  
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**POPPY DISTRIBUTION AT MILLER PARK  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2011**

The 537 Joint Poppy Committee will be distributing poppies at Miller Park on SUNDAY, AUGUST 14th. We need many volunteers to be at Miller Park from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. This is also American Legion Baseball Day at Miller Park.

Poppies will be available at the Post Picnic, or by contacting Chairman Bob at 414-321-1479 to make arrangements for pick-up. It is also important that we know who is able to help, so please call and advise as soon as possible.

If you know of members that do not have an e-mail address, please contact them and encourage them to participate in this opportunity to raise more poppy funds and also raise awareness of the program. This is an important 537 LEGION FAMILY event so we need Legion, Auxiliary & SAL members to participate.

Please note: it is perfectly acceptable to take a folding chair along to sit on if standing for this long is an issue. For anyone that has a handicapped sign for your window or license plates, you will need to purchase a parking pass in advance of the game to get the reserved parking closest to the stadium.

Several of our members will meet in the Post parking lot at 10:30 am, to caravan to Miller Park, and carpool. If you wish to be part of this group, please show up at the parking lot no later than 10:30 am.

Thanks for participating in this great project!!

Bob Sirovina, Chairman  
537 Family Poppy Committee

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST REPORT**

WOW. Thank you to all the people that attended the Memorial Pancake Breakfast.

The Ladies Auxiliary, added to the large amount of funds that we netted from the breakfast to send \$2000.00 to Camp American Legion. Thank you to all the workers. We know you were tired.

**NATIONAL AWARD  
given at State Convention.**

Post member Dave Wischer, who is on the Department Membership committee, worked very hard over the last couple of years to help re-vitalize the J.F.K. Post 479 in Milwaukee. As a result of all this hard work, Dave received a beautiful plaque at the State Convention in Appleton, for his exemplary work in recruiting minorities, and to bring a Post that was failing "back to life". Congratulations, Dave. Hard work, does not go unnoticed.

The American Legion encourages all members to reach out to minorities and women Veterans to join the American Legion.

**VA OFFERS FREE BREWER TICKETS  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011  
FOR IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN  
VETERANS AND FAMILIES**

The Veterans Affairs bureau of Milwaukee is offering free Brewers tickets to veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan and their families for the Sept. 11 game against the Philadelphia Phillies.

The ticket offer is part of the VA's Welcome Home Tailgate Party 2011, an event which offers information about VA health care, according to the bureau. Veterans do not have to be enrolled in VA health care to attend, according to VA news release.

The party, which starts at 9:30 a.m. at the VA Milwaukee campus, will feature free food and entertainment. The party is about an eight minute walk to Miller Park, said Gary Kunich, public affairs officer.

In addition, there will be on-field recognition at 12:30 p.m.

To sign up, call 414-384-2000, ext. 46399.

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

Mark your calendar for Saturday December 10th for the Annual Childrens Christmas Party, and the Annual Joint Christmas Dinner.



## ANNUAL POST CORN ROAST

**Saturday  
August 13, 2011**

**Noon - 6:00 pm  
Post Parking Lot**

Come and join us for a fun afternoon in the Post Parking Lot for our Annual Corn Roast.

“Go Fish” game for children. Raffle Tickets will be available at the time of the Corn Roast, or in advance at the Post Bar. If you want tickets and cannot get to the Post to get them, please call Commander Pfeiffer, and we will make arrangements to get the tickets to you. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Prizes are: 1st prize - \$250.00, 2nd prize - \$150.00, 3rd prize - \$100.00, and other prizes as well.

Food and drink are available at a nominal cost. We will also have music, (if you wish to dance in the parking lot), paddle raffles, and lots of visiting.

Help will be needed in the morning for set up, and in the evening for tear-down. If you are able to help with set up, please show up at the post at 9:00 am, and we will put your eager hands to work. Tear down, will be after the Raffle drawing, so we need helping hands around 6:30 pm for that chore.

If the weather is inclement, no worry, the show still goes on, but we move inside for comfort.

## WWII VETERANS HONOR FLIGHT

If you are a WWII Veteran and want to go on the Honor Flight, or have a WWII Veteran who is a family member, or friend, please apply to take this worth while, heartfelt trip to Washington D.C. information on the honor flight can be found at: <http://starsandstripeshonorflight.org/> applications can be downloaded online at: [http://starsandstripeshonorflight.org/pdf/Veteran\\_Application.pdf](http://starsandstripeshonorflight.org/pdf/Veteran_Application.pdf).

If you do not have internet access and wish to receive an application, please contact a Post Officer

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## TAPS

Lawrence Goulet  
June 3, 2011  
Navy - WWII  
Marines - Korea

Thomas Masek  
June 9, 2011  
Army - Korea

Earl J Komassa  
June 23, 2011  
Army - Vietnam

Wilbur “Ted” Moffitt  
June 24, 2011  
Navy - Korea

Arthur M Blenski  
July 19, 2011  
Marines, WWII



**May they rest in peace in the Arms of the Great  
Commander.**

**Our sympathy is extended to their families.**